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**ShepherdKing** God made me a promise I would never live to see fulfilled in my lifetime. A son. A throne. Forever. Micah was very specific. The clues were all there. The crowd had the map. They knew the scripture. They still got lost. [#CloseButWrong](#)

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Hey, David! We are going to talk about this on Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am.



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# WELCOME

## We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating. **Our goal** is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**. Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us** as much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**. You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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**KIDS**

Before the sermon, **children ages 2–7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

**May 17:** God Created Us

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 64:1-9

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

May 17, 2026

Announcements	Steve Griggs
Call to Worship	Vince Boling
Lord, I Lift Your Name On High	Ross Jordan
He's My King	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Terry Shepherd
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Ross Jordan
Prepare For Communion	
The Lord's My Shepherd	John Cox
Communion Prayers	Sam Lewis
He's Got The Whole World In His Hands	Aidan Smith
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 2 Samuel 7:8-16	Matt Locke
How Great Is Our God	John Cox
Sermon	Shane Robinson
Do You Know My Jesus?	John Cox
Shepherd's Moment	Dean Baker

## GREETERS

Nathan & Beth Bennett, Chris & Kristy Akers

## NURSERY

Audrey & Erin Miller

## WEE WORSHIP

Tony & Suzanna Stanley, Hilda Brock & April Stanley

## SERVE COMMUNION

Jeff Brown, Jim Brown, Greg Tilley, Carter Goble, Patrick Goble, Tony Stanley, Clint Russell, Tyson Russell



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## 2 Samuel 7:8-16, NKJV

“Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house. “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.

# Study & Group Discussion Guide

## Textual Questions

According to 2 Samuel 7:9–11, what specific promises did God make to David?

In 2 Samuel 7:12–16, what details suggest the promise points beyond Solomon?

According to Micah 5:2, what was significant about Bethlehem in relation to the coming ruler?

In Micah 5:4, how is the future ruler described in relation to God's people?

In John 7:41–42, what reason did some people give for rejecting Jesus as the Christ?

## Connecting Questions

Why do you think God repeatedly chose unlikely people and places such as David and Bethlehem throughout the biblical story? Can you think of other people like this?

How did the crowd in John 7 correctly understand some Scriptures while still reaching the wrong conclusion about Jesus?

Why is it dangerous to form conclusions before examining all the evidence? (see Deuteronomy 17:2-7)

How can popular opinion shape the way people think about Jesus today? Do you have some examples?

# A SON, A CLUE, AND THE KING NOBODY KNEW



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#JOHN7:42

Micah named the town. David received the promise. The crowd in John 7 had every clue they needed. They still missed him. The question we will explore in this lesson is: Is it possible to know the Scripture and still miss Jesus?

## Three Promises That Set Everything In Motion

- **God promised David a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 7:9-11).** The promises made to David point to a dynasty.
- **God promised David a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 7:12).** One of David's descendants will succeed him and establish the kingdom.
- **God promised David a \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 7:13-16).** David's kingdom points beyond Solomon to an everlasting King.


## Three Clues That Narrow Down the Promise

- **The Ruler would come from \_\_\_\_\_ (Mic. 5:2a).** The future king would emerge from an insignificant place.
- **The Ruler would be \_\_\_\_\_ than David (Mic. 5:2b).** The promised ruler would be more than merely human (Ps. 110).
- **The Ruler would \_\_\_\_\_ his people (Mic. 5:4).** Like David before Him, the coming King would guide, protect, and care for God's people (cp. Hos. 3:5-6; Ezek. 34:23; Isa. 61:1-3).

# Three Reactions In Response to Jesus

- **Some said he was the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 7:40).** The people recognized Jesus was significant but did not fully understand who He was (cp. Jn. 7:46; Deut. 18:15-20).
- **Some said he was the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 7:41a).** Others connected Jesus to the long-awaited promises concerning David's throne (Isa. 11:1-5; 42:1-4).
- **Some cited scriptures about Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (Jn. 7:41b-42).** Ironically, the same Scriptures pointing to Jesus became the basis for rejecting Him.



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- **Beware of confirmation bias.** The crowd made a decision without examining evidence. Jesus lived in Galilee, but born in Bethlehem. Jesus is too big of a deal to dismiss without examining the evidence.
- **Beware of the bandwagon effect.** The crowd was divided over Jesus, yet many were content to let "some people" think for them. It is much easier to listen to Jesus instead of relying on popular opinion.
- **Beware of knowing about Jesus without truly knowing Jesus.** The people knew where to look, just not what to look for. They were close but wrong. It is entirely possible to know the Scriptures and still miss Jesus.

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## Assembly Times

### **AM Worship**

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

### **Sun Bible Classes**

Immediately After Worship

### **Wed Night Meal**

Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM

### **Wed Bible Classes**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

## Reoccurring Events

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

### **LIFE Groups**

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

### **Food & Clothing**

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)